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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



APPLICANT: HENNHÖFER ET AL.  
SERIAL NO.: 09/032,305 EXAMINER: R. KUNEMUND  
FILED: FEBRUARY 27, 1998 GROUP: 1765  
TITLE: PROCESS FOR TREATING A POLISHED SEMICONDUCTOR  
WAFER IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SEMICONDUCTOR WAFER  
HAS BEEN POLISHED

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NONFINAL OFFICE ACTION

ATT: BOX FEE AMENDMENT  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Non Final Office Action dated December 18, 2000, with the time for reply having been extended for three months, from March 18, 2001 until June 18, 2001, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 14 as set forth in the Clean Copy of Amended Claims as follows. Also enclosed is a Marked-up Version of Amended Claim 14. New independent claims 17 and 18 are being added herewith, and new dependent claims 19 and 20 are also being added.